



DIRECTIONS: You have **TWO HOURS** to write the following two essays. I advise you to make a rough draft introduction with a thesis, and then to outline your body paragraphs before writing the essay. If you finish early, please remain quiet for those who are still writing.

Question #1:

As part of the “war on drugs” and in reaction to an increase in school violence, many schools across the nation now conduct targeted searches of student lockers and backpacks. Although the Supreme Court has ruled that public school officials have the right to search students’ persons and property when they have reasonable cause to suspect weapons or drugs, many people feel this is a gross violation of students’ right to privacy. Others feel that since school officials are responsible for the well-being of students while they are in the building, they have the right to search for drugs or weapons at any time. How do you feel about this issue? In a well-written five paragraph essay, please state your position and explain your reasons with specific examples.

Question #2:

If you were to include an item in a time capsule for future generations, what would it be? The item should exemplify the culture of the early twenty-first century. In a well-written five paragraph essay, please convince the committee sponsoring the time capsule to include your item, explaining thoroughly the item's use and significance in the 21st century.

